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Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

The proposal to clear the Morse Code requirement from the Amateur Radio regulations is not to be taken lightly. This one requirement has made Amateur Radio a specialized endeavor. No matter the technological advances, Morse Code (CW) continues to be one of the most efficient modes of operation. It is a universal language, and it can be copied when other modes, i.e. single side band, are not legible. Like many of those who may approach your board from a pro-Morse Code side, I earned my first license at age 11, and soon after earned my 10 words per minute certificate from the ARRL at the same age. Since that time, it continues to be my favorite mode of operation. It would do a great disservice to the Amateur Community to reduce the CW / Morse Code requirement any further.

Thank you for your consideration.